

Meeting Minutes: January 19, 2023 Held In-Person at the Niles Room, Orford Town Offices

Present: Members: Ted Cooley (Chair), John Miller (Vice Chair), Alternates: Fran Plaisted and Emily Bryant (Assistant Sec'y)

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Emily and Fran were seated as voting members for the meeting.

1.Minutes of December 15, 2022. Minor changes completed. John moved, Emily seconded. Motion passed.

2. Bob Hedges has agreed to serve as a Commissioner. Fran moved that Bob Hedges be nominated to the OCC for a 3 year term. John seconded. Motion carried. Ted will write a nomination letter for Bob and submit it to the Selectboard. Other possible candidates were discussed. Commissioners will continue recruitment outreach.

Town Meeting – Discussed options of a slide show or photo contest. Collect photos and send to Ted who will put together a slideshow. Contact Esther to reserve a table. Ted and Fran will sit at the table.

3. 2023 Review of proposed projects.

- John reviewed that we need to update the Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) again last revised in 2017. The OCC undertook the updates this round without Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) assistance. We will consider reaching out to the UVLSRPC regarding the NRI.
- Town interested in keeping culvert survey updated.
- Foreign Invasives- need to communicate to Steve Williams about avoiding the mowing of the knotweed.
- Jacobs Brook- follow up with Chris Turgeon, NH DOT- erosion control planning. Also discuss invasive outbreak of wild parsnip.
- Orfordville Road Bog Area- contractor had supply trail issue. We are going to try to add this to the next Selectboard Meeting to get this replaced. Follow up with getting the road foreman.

4. Other Business

- Water testing: we need to ensure that the warning signs are posted or removed promptly.
- Recruitment need board members.

Motion (John/ Craig) to Adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes taken by Fran Plaisted . Next meetings: February 16th, 2023